

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Minutes

2/13/12, 7:30PM

Dumont Senior Center

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has complied with the open public meetings act, having sent notice to The Record, Ridgewood News and filed the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Boro's Official Bulletin Board.

Attendance: Sally Tayeb, Ray Slaman, Larry Tobias, Tom Fisichella, Rafael Riquelme, Abbie Slaman, Ryan Metz, Councilman Bill Brophy, Mayor Kelly (arrived at 8:30pm)

Approvals from previous meeting minutes of 7/18/11, 9/20/11, 11/21/11 and 1/9/12 were approved by all commissioners present. The minutes will be sent to Borough's Clerk so they can be posted at the Borough's website.

Tree Maintenance- The bucket truck is still out of order. DPW is waiting for part.

Meanwhile DPW is borrowing the Bergenfield Bucket truck when needed.

Memorial Park lost 10 trees from the October 2011 storm. Two trees in Laurel need to be replaced. We lost significant amount of pear trees on the October 2011 storm.

Adopt-A-Tree- We have eight (8) candidates for trees. Our goal is to plant 30 in the spring. Park planting will be done on the fall. Willow trees were suggested for the parks. Ray to make a press release for spring planting. Ray mentioned that two trees need replacement at the arboretum. It was suggested to contact all schools in the district to see if they are interested in adopting a tree.

Friends of the Shade Tree- Sally to make revisions on the By-laws and when that is done we can proceed with the non-profit status. Ryan to contact Gregg Paster to get the paper work started.

Grant Status - DSTC two pending matching grants from the DOT and County of Bergen for the sidewalk project/Gazebo in the Arboretum are still in review by the County.

Commissioner's expired term- Sara Reiss resigned from the DSTC. Abbie Slaman and Sally Tayeb terms expire in April 2012. Sally and Abbie both expressed their desire to continue been board members. DSTC will have three openings by April 2012 (1 full time and 2 alternates). Sally expressed to Mayor Kelly that she won't run for President if she gets re-appointed. Sally also recommended to Mayor Kelly Ryan Metz for commissioner.

Tree City- Tara Baker, former commissioner is handling Tree City application. She will have application ready for Mayor Kelly's signature by the end of week.

Arbor Day- Need to work on the agenda. A tree will be planted at the arboretum. Idea was mentioned to maybe combine the commemoration of the hundredth year of the Girls Scout with Arbor Day. Also DSTC needs contact the schools to coordinate flyer's distribution for the Arbor Day competition program. Rafael to handle the distribution of flyers with the school administrations. Sally will make 2,000 copies. Three different flyers were proposed. One for the elementary schools, one for the high school and the other one for Seniors/Adults. DSTC is looking for more adult entries this year. Boy Scout will be contacted for the color guard. New flag for the Arboretum to be purchased. PSEG was recommended to receive the award of appreciation. Mayor Kelly expressed that he will attend the Arbor Day Ceremony. He will also prepare a Proclamation.

Commissioners voted and T-Shirts will be ordered for the event. Color of the t-shirt will be forest green.

I-Tree- Larry is working to get the new map for the new redistricting that was established, so he can apply for Federal Grant.

PSEG donated \$1,000 to the DSTC. It was voted by all commissioners that monies be used to pay lawyer to prepare paperwork for the non profit Friends of Shade Tree. Also monies will be used for education and purchase of utility friendly tree.

Meeting adjourned 9:05PM.